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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF
LAWRENCE SIMI AS CHAIRPERSON AND
JUDGE ERICA R. YEW AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Commission announces the election of Mr. Lawrence Simi as Chairperson of the Commission and Judge Erica R. Yew as Vice-Chairperson, at its meeting on March 20, 2012.

Mr. Simi is a retired public affairs professional and spent 30 years with a Fortune 500 Company. Previously, he was a program manager for Mayors Alioto, Moscone and Feinstein in San Francisco. He has been a board member of a variety of civic and nonprofit organizations, including San Francisco's Commission on the Aging, the Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee, Self Help for the Elderly, Society for the Preservation of San Francisco's Architectural Heritage, Mission Education Project, United Cerebral Palsy Association, San Francisco Adult Day Health Network, and the Institute on Aging. Currently he serves as president of the Board of Directors of Pine View Housing Corporation, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Coro Center for Civic Leadership, as a member of the Board of Directors of the George Moscone Institute for Public Service, and as a member of Senator Dianne Feinstein's Service Academy Advisory Board. Mr. Simi was appointed to the Commission as a public member by the Governor in August 2005; his term ends February 28, 2013.

Judge Erica R. Yew has been a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior Court since 2001. She is a member of the Judicial Council and a former member of the California State Bar Board of Governors. She serves on the Judicial Council Task Force on Self-Represented Litigants. She has worked on and led a number of projects to increase diversity in the legal profession. Among her judicial assignments, Judge Yew has presided over a dependency drug treatment court and speaks on the topic of problem-solving courts. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Yew was a civil litigator and graduated from Hastings College of the Law and with honors from University of California at Berkeley. Judge Yew was appointed to the Commission as a superior court judicial member by the Supreme Court December 2010; her term expires February 28, 2015.

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The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is Mr. Lawrence Simi.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the Commission's Web site at www.cjp.ca.gov.